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some good social education work in 1950–51 to continue their work in the year 1952–53 or until such time as all schools are provided with their own projectors and films? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, Government will not only hasten the purchase of the equipment but will consider the hon. Member's suggestion also if it is necessary in the interests of education."

*Delay in the preparation of estimates and execution of panchayat works.*

* 36 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAMA MUDALIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state -

(*a*) whether representations have been made by the Panchayats about the great delay and difficulty experienced by them in the preparation of estimates for and execution of Panchayat works;

(*b*) whether centage charges are recovered from the Panchayats by the Highways Department for preparation of estimates for Panchayat works and execution thereof; and

(*c*) what steps the Government propose to take for the prompt execution of Panchayat works by the Highways Department?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" (*a*) Representations were received from certain Panchayats regarding the difficulty experienced by them in the preparation of estimates for works relating to panchayats and in their execution.

" (*b*) Yes.

" (*c*) Government have approved a scheme for the appointment of one overseer for each Deputy Panchayat Officer's range to assist the panchayats in that range in the preparation of estimates and execution of works relating to Panchayats. To start with, the scheme has been put into operation in 12 selected Deputy Panchayat Officers' ranges. It is proposed to extend the scheme to other ranges also after the result of the working of the scheme in the selected areas is known."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAMA MUDALIAR :—" Sir, as the Government are levying centage charges on panchayat works, may I know if it would not be better if the Government appoint a special staff under the Divisional Engineers (Highways), so that they could prepare estimates and expedite the execution of panchayat works? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Sir, at present this experiment is being tried and some more overseers can be appointed."